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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Katsuyuki AMANO et al.

Group Art Unit: 1791

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For: WINDOW ASSEMBLY MANUFACTURING METHOD AND WINDOW PANE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the December 31, 2008 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-10 and 12-19, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-19 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. In other words, both Groups of claims are directed to subject matter that is very related technically. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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